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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 37 are amended hereby. Claim 4 is canceled. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-37 will remain pending.

In the final Office Action dated June 14, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Tan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,255). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection and, therefore, respectfully traverses the same.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 4-37, stating that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

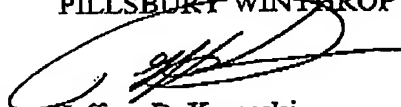
In response, without conceding that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3 is appropriate, and without prejudice to the Applicant's right to pursue claims 1-3 in a continuing application, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4. As a result, of this amendment, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3 and 5-37 are now in a condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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